IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The surgical instrument includes ~~comprises~~: an insertion portion; a treatment unit which is provided on the tip portion of the insertion portion and which is capable of turning as to the shaft of the insertion portion and capable of opening and closing; an operating unit provided at the base portion of the insertion portion and which is capable of turning as to the shaft of the insertion portion and capable of opening and closing; a supporting member linking the treatment unit and the operating unit; and a driving rod arrayed in parallel or generally in parallel with the supporting member, so as to be capable of advancing and retreating; wherein the opening/closing operating mechanism of the treatment unit and the opening/closing operating mechanism of the operating unit are in a parallel mapping relation following the insertion portion.